

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for processing at least two documents the at least two documents stored in at least one database, and the at least two documents including a source document and at least one target document, the system comprising:

a storage device for storing a plurality of words, each of the plurality of words stored as a result of being annotated in the source document;

a search device for identifying whether any of the words present in the storage device are present in the at least one target document; and

an annotation device for annotating said words located in the at least one target document;

wherein each of the at least two documents are pre-selected as the source document and the at least one target document from the at least one database by a user of the system.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising an input device for inputting words from the source document into the storage device, the input device comprising:

a detector for detecting one or more annotated regions in the source document;  
and

a device for entering one or more words from a detected annotated region of the source document into the storage device.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein the source document is a physical document and the input device further comprises a capture device for capturing a digital image of the source document.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 3, wherein the detector is operable to detect annotations in the captured image of the source document.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 4, wherein the detector is operable to detect a type of annotation.

6. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the type of annotation comprises at least one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through, bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.

7. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least one target documents is a physical document, the system further comprising a capture device for capturing a digital image of the at least one physical target document to be annotated.

8. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the annotation device is operable to annotate one or more words in the at least one target document using the same type of annotation as used in the source document from which the words in the storage device are derived.

9. (Currently Amended) An at least one device implemented method of processing at least two documents, the at least two documents stored in at least one database, and the at least two documents including a source document and at least one target document, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of words of interest, each of the plurality of words of interest stored as a result of being annotated in the source document;

searching the at least one target document to identify whether any of said words of interest are present in the at least one target document; and

annotating said words located in the at least one target document;

wherein each of the at least two documents are pre-selected as the source document and the at least one target document from the at least one database by a user of the at least one device.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising inputting words from the source document into the stored words of interest.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, further comprising detecting one or more annotated regions in the source document, and entering one or more words from a detected annotated region of the source document into the stored words of interest.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the source document is a physical document, the method further comprising optically capturing a digital image of the source document.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein said detecting comprises detecting annotations in a captured image of the source document.

14. (Original) A method according claim to 13, wherein said detecting comprises detecting a type of annotation.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the type of annotation detected comprises one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through, bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the at least one target documents is a physical document, the method further comprising optically capturing a digital image of the at least one physical target document to be annotated.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein said annotating comprises annotating one or more words in the at least one target document using

the same type of annotation as used in the source document from which stored words are derived.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the method is implemented by a set of program instructions stored in a storage medium and executable on a data processing device.

19. (Currently Amended) An at least one device implemented method of processing at least two documents, comprising:

inputting a source document, the source document pre-selected as the source document by a user of the at least one device;

inputting a target document, the target document pre-selected as the target document by a user of the at least one device;

annotating the source document to identify a plurality of words of interest;

storing the plurality of words of interest;

searching the target document to identify whether any of the plurality words of interest are present in the at least one target document; and

annotating the identified words of interest located in the at least one target document;

wherein a same annotation is used for a same word of interest in the source document and the target document.